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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I favor an immediate resolution to the Microsoft anti-trust case. A settlement proposal exists. It has the support of the major parties and the majority of party states. It is fair and it is workable and it deserves to be ratified by the government and enacted.

The settlement agreement addresses the concerns and the complaints of all parties. It leaves Microsoft whole while requiring the company to adopt practices that benefit its competitors. Microsoft must abandon predatory market practices. It must open its systems and technology to the exploitation of its competitors. It must now license its Windows platforms to computer manufacturers without exclusivity requirements for its software. These and other settlement terms, which Microsoft has accepted, make it clear that the company is willing to actively contribute to a new more competitive marketplace and justify an end to this case.

Please support this settlement and use your influence to convince the congress that it is, as it is in fact, the best thing for everyone.

Sincerely,



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